

Before the
SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X)

CADDO VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY
-- ABANDONMENT --
IN PIKE AND CLARK COUNTIES, ARKANSAS

PETITION FOR ABANDONMENT EXEMPTION

COMMENTS PERTAINING TO ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

Caddo Valley Railroad, by and through its counsel, respectfully submits the following clarification regarding statements in the Environmental Assessment (EA) served December 23, 2011 in Docket No. AB-1076 (Sub-No. 1X), Caddo Valley Railroad Company—Abandonment Exemption—in Clark and Pike Counties, Ark. The EA applies to the segment of CVRR’s track between MP 447 and 429.45. At page 1, the comment is made that “CVRR states that all rail service over the Line ceased in May 2009, the result of deteriorated track conditions and adverse financial circumstances.” A similar statement is made at page 3: “CVRR also notes that all rail service ceased in May 2009 and that no local or overhead traffic has moved over the Line in more than 2 years.”

Those statements are true with respect to the segment of track between MP. 447 and 479.2, which is the subject of the Notice of Exemption filing (Docket No. AB 1076X). They are not true with respect to the track between MP 447 and 429.45. Unfortunately, the Combined Environmental and Historic Report (EHR) that is attached to CVRR’s Petition for Exemption inadvertently

included the foregoing statement, which applies only to the Notice of Exemption that was filed simultaneously.

Attention is invited to the correct statement that appears at page 7 of CVRR's Petition for Exemption. As therein stated, "[f]or a brief period after CVRR was forced to cease operations over the northernmost segment of the Norman Branch [i.e., between MP 447 and 479.2], Bean Lumber established a transload facility at Mile Post 447 and used the Line for that purpose until the transload facility was moved to a location near Gurdon in June 2010."

To clarify, when CVRR ceased operation in May 2009 over the northernmost segment, a transload facility was established at MP 447. Some rail traffic moved over the Line between MP 447 and MP 429.45 until the transload facility at MP 447 was shut down in June 2010. After that date, no rail traffic moved over the 17.55-mile segment of track that is the subject of the Petition for Exemption.

Respectfully submitted,



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Dated: December 28, 2011

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Richard H. Streeter, hereby certify that a true copy of the foregoing Comments was served this 28th day of December, 2011, by first-class mail, postage prepaid, on the following parties of record:

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